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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 01/39102.

As per claims 1 and 7-10, WO 01/39102 teaches an USB removable memory with replaceable storage medium for optional upgrade and extension of the storage capacity, including an USB connector, a controller (1) and a flash memory (7), characterized by: said USB connector and said controller are integrated as a memory body (11); the flash memory as the physically-independent storage component is attached to the body, and is electrically connected to the controller. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made that the smart card (7) includes an external processor and data storage device. (Abstract, pgs. 1-8, Figs. 1-4)

As per claims 2-5, WO 01/39102 teaches said flash memory part is mounted on the body by means of guide channel and said flash memory part is mounted on the body by means of plug-in connection or elastic fastener connection.

As per claims 6 and 7, WO 01/39102 teaches the electrical connection between said flash memory part and said controller is elastic tip-touch connection or plug-in connection.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng et al., (US 7,039,759).

As per claims 1 and 7-10, Cheng teaches an USB removable memory with replaceable storage medium for optional upgrade and extension of the storage capacity, including an USB connector, a controller (10) and a flash memory (4), characterized by: said USB connector and said controller are integrated as a memory body (Fig.1); the flash memory as the physically-independent storage component is attached to the body, (connected to additional USB port 8, rear lid) and is electrically connected to the controller. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made that the Cheng teaches wherein another USB portable device similar to portable device (10) or other types of USB devices can be externally connected to portable device (10) and one of ordinary skill would readily recognize that another USB portable device would

includes an external processor and data storage device. (Abstract, col. 2, lines 33-col. 4, lines 1- 59)

As per claims 2-5, Cheng teaches said flash memory part is mounted on the body by means of guide channel and said flash memory part is mounted on the body by means of plug-in connection or elastic fastener connection.

As per claims 6 and 7, Cheng teaches the electrical connection between said flash memory part and said controller is elastic tip-touch connection or plug-in connection.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Drabczuk et al., (US 7,011,247).

As per claims 1 and 7-10, Drabczuk teaches an USB removable memory with replaceable storage medium for optional upgrade and extension of the storage capacity, including an USB connector, a controller (5) and a flash memory (smart card), characterized by: said USB connector and said controller are integrated as a memory body (Fig.3); the flash memory as the physically-independent storage component is attached to the body, and is electrically connected to the controller. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary

skill at the time the invention was made that the smart card (3) includes an external processor (33) and data storage device. (Abstract, col. 1, lines 60 - col. 12, lines 1-50)

As per claims 2-5, Drabczuk teaches said flash memory part is mounted on the body by means of guide channel and said flash memory part is mounted on the body by means of plug-in connection or elastic fastener connection.

As per claims 6 and 7, Drabczuk teaches the electrical connection between said flash memory part and said controller is elastic tip-touch connection or plug-in connection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on (571) 272-4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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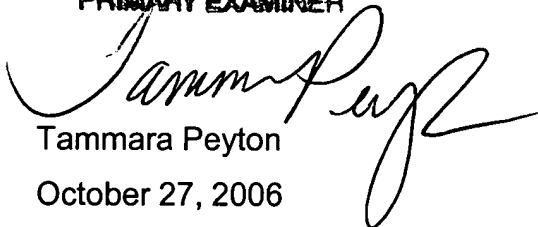
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